

Table 7 Sociodemographic characteristics of the students associated with relational and accessibility barriers to formal health-care-seeking behaviour

Variable	Relational barriers ^a			Accessibility barriers ^b		
	Mean (SD)	Linear regression coefficient	<i>P</i> -value	Mean (SD)	Linear regression coefficient	<i>P</i> -value
Sex			0.476			0.827
Male	6.2 (2.1)			5.8 (1.7)		
Female	6.4 (2.0)			5.8 (1.6)		
Age (years)		0.115	0.009		0.020	0.651
Father's levels of education			0.264			0.999
Less than university	6.2 (2.0)			5.8 (1.7)		
University and higher	6.4 (2.0)			5.8 (1.6)		
Mother's levels of education			0.559			0.999
Less than university	6.4 (1.9)			5.8 (1.7)		
University and higher	6.3 (2.0)			5.8 (1.6)		
Residence			0.017			0.075
Urban	6.5 (2.1)			5.9 (1.6)		
Suburban ^c	6.2 (2.0)			5.4 (1.2)		
Rural	5.8 (1.6)			5.8 (1.8)		
Crowding index (mean persons/room)		-0.006	0.886		0.083	0.060

^aGeneral concerns about confidentiality, concerns about confidentiality towards the parents, embarrassment in disclosing health concerns, and doubt on the ability of professionals to help.

^bKnowledge of services, inadequate transport, difficulty of contact and cost.

^cSmall town or village.

SD = standard deviation.